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Free parking



Airman 1st Class Brandon Stippel, 332nd Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, directs a C-130 Hercules from the Air Force Reserve 95th Airlift Squadron, Milwaukee, Wis., to its parking area Wednesday.

24-hour fitness center opens up for business

Pfc. Leah Burton

13th COSCOM/PA

The staff of the new LSA Anaconda Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the facility May 30.

The fitness center is accessible to everyone with a valid identification card, but service members have priority.

"Today is a great day for the LSA because thanks to the hard work of our civilian partners at [Kellogg, Brown and Root], we are able to open a top-notch fitness center that provides more space and more equipment

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Standard AEF deployments stretch to 120 days

Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - Most Airmen scheduled to deploy in upcoming air and space expeditionary force packages will see their orders expand from 90 to 120 days.

The change in deployment length will begin with AEF cycle 5 in September.

Those who deploy as part of AEF 1 and 2 should prepare for a 120-day deployment.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced the change in his "Sight Picture" on June 4. The reason for the change is that the requirement for deployable forces is not expected to decrease in the foreseeable future, he said.

"Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time," the general wrote. "Further, the Air Force component commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field."

To help extend tour lengths to 120 days, the entire AEF cycle was adjusted. The new cycle, now 20 months in length, allows for a four-month eligibility window and a 16month training window.

General Jumper also said he intends to increase the pool of Airmen eligible for deployment. Currently, the Air Force has about 272,000 Airmen earmarked as deployment-eligible.

"I have asked all of our major commands to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured (for deployment)," the general said.

The changes to the AEF cycle, while possibly difficult for some, should be considered by all Airmen as part of their commitment to the Air Force, General Jumper said.

"Let me be perfectly clear — in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know (his or her) place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in (the continental United States) via reachback, or employed at home station," General Jumper said.

Airmen currently deployed as part of AEFs 7-10 will still be held to the 90-day deployment schedule.

The things that I know

Medical commander reflects on AEF 7/8 experiences

Lt. Col. Dave DeLorenzo

332nd CASF commander

As I get ready to leave Balad, here are some of the things that I know after completing my Air Expeditionary Force rotation.

I know there are paper towels out there somewhere...providing an alternate to drying hands with toilet paper or air drying.

☐ I know there is cold water to drink somewhere.

☐ I know there is silverware and flatware with no plastic forks that will break on anything they touch.

☐ I know there is meat other than mystery meat and nicknamed "camel."

☐ I know there are homes and buildings with indoor plumbing and with no need to walk hundreds of yards to a porta-john or latrine.

☐ I know there are buildings not made of fabric.

 \square I know there are bedrooms larger than 6 ½ by 8 feet

with most of that space taken up by a bunk bed and a clothes cabinet.

☐ I know there are places without load noises; fueled generators, blasts, small arms fire, and aircraft.

☐ I know there are places with fewer scorpions, camel spiders and other biting critters.

☐ I know there are places that aren't 100+ degrees for multiple days.

☐ I know there are places where sand does not make the sky orange and breathing difficult.

☐ I know there are places where special medications and some immunizations are not required for safe existence.

☐ I know there is furniture not made out of plywood and rough-cut lumber.

☐ I know there are places where war movies would not be seen as a reminder of daily events

☐ I know there are places where there is no need to burn garbage, especially when the

wind is blowing over inhabited areas.

☐ I know there are places not exposed to the ripe odor of raw sewage being pumped from black-water tanks.

☐ I know there are showers with real curtains.

☐ I know there is grass.

☐ I know there are clothes other than desert BDUs.

☐ I know there are laundries where the clothes come out smelling like something other than kerosine.

☐ I know there are jobs providing an occasional day off.

☐ I know there are jobs requiring less than 16 hours of work a day.

☐ I know there are telephones and people not required to carry handheld radios.

☐ I know there are roads that don't end with barriers, tanks and armed guards.

☐ I know there is coinchange from these malls that is not made of paper and labeled as AAFES.

☐ I know there are places where you can eat, sleep, and live with minimal threat of attack.

☐ I know there are places where you are not required to wear interceptor vests and helmets to and from work and meals.

☐ I know there are places where the arrival of mail is not the highlight of a day.

☐ I know there are others less fortunate.

☐ I know tomorrow will bring new challenges.

☐ I know there are spouses, families, and friends without the presence of loved ones, because they are serving in their country's interest.

☐ I know there are well-trained U.S. troops; living ambassadors of liberty, demonstrating integrity, excellence, and service before self.

☐ I know there is a United States of America, where I have freedoms worth defending.

☐ I know I am one of those privileged to serve.





PUBLIC HEALTH NOTE

"Public Health Note" is a column that answers frequently asked public health questions. Submit questions to public.health@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil.

i I've heard the term potable and non-potable water used in some briefings and seen signs posted throughout T-Town and on vehicles/water trailers (buffaloes).

A: The potability of water refers primarily to what the water can be used for. Water, regardless of source, must be treated before it can be used. The water used on most deployed military installations is drawn a number of sources including surface water and

wells. The water is processed through a Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit (ROWPU) to remove impurities and harmful chemicals. Furthermore, specialized military water laboratories do extensive testing on the water to insure the water meets published international water standards. The vehicles used to transport water also have to meet specific standards in order to carry water. Any water labeled as potable is considered full consumable and useable for anything. Non-potable water is not intended for consumption (to include brushing your teeth), but can be used for hand-washing, laundering, showering, vehicle washing, etc. Please follow the signs posted in latrine facilities to use bottled water when brushing your teeth.

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Army/Pfc. Leah Burton

Army Staff Sgt. Arndt Bryan, 4th Corps Materiel Management Center, works out on a seated dip machine at the new fitness center.

FITNESS

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to our growing community," said Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers, 13th Corps Support Command commander.

Making the facility operational required help from KBR employees and military personnel as far as moving and assembling equipment, said Quincy T. Richardson, MWR sports and fitness supervisor.

"It's a stress relief. We've been building up to this day. Many times I've been asked, 'When? When? When?' Now that 'when' is behind us."

People can now work out on any of the five treadmills, six cross-trainers and six recumbent bicycles.

The facility is equipped with a weight room with new Hammer Strength machines and free weights.

There is an aerobics room with a sound system, a racquet-ball court, a basketball court with six goals and indoor plumbing.

Richardson is also in the process of organizing Judo, Karate and Tae-Bo classes all led by volunteer instructors.

The new facility will be the only fitness center on post until a larger staff is available to man both the old and new facilities. Until that time, the staff is not issuing any of the old equipment to any units, Richardson said.

The larger, more comfortable facility will benefit both service-members and civilians.

"It'll build morale. The competitive sports will also build camaraderie. It will allow [servicemembers and civilians] to relieve some stress and get their minds off the issues of the world," Richardson said.

"When asked to list what they want most for deployed quality of life, servicemembers and civilians nearly always say good food, phone access, Internet terminals and a gym where they can work out on high quality equipment in a clean, comfortable environment. This facility meets that requirement and much more," Chambers said.

There are some rules to be observed in the new facility.

Everyone must sign in and individuals without an identification card will not be allowed to use the fitness center. Tobacco products and food are not allowed in the fitness center.

During a red alert, patrons must follow standard operating procedures. The only authorized attire for service members is the standard issue physical fitness uniform.

Civilians must wear clean workout attire.

All running shoes should have non-marking soles and boots are only allowed in the weight room area, Richardson said.

The LSA Anaconda Fitness Center is adjacent to the outdoor stadium. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Those interested in volunteering at the fitness center can e-mail Richardson at quincy.richardson@halliburton.com.

Meet your neighbor



Master Sgt. Douglas Gaines

Home station: Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

Unit: 332nd AEW/Manpower Arrived in the AOR: May 27

Family: My beautiful wife, Kayoko and three dogs; Shiro, Kuma and

Stanley.

Hobbies: I enjoy going to school, computers, sports and off-roading. How do I contribute to the mission? I ensure deployed commanders have the right amount and type of manpower to accomplish the mission.

What is my favorite aspect of this deployment? The deployed experience, and meeting and working with the Air Force's finest. Besides my family, what do I miss back home? I miss my bed, my bathroom, grass, trees, NBA Finals, beer, real Mexican food and barbeque.

Know what to do during an attack ... it could save your life

Tech. Sgt. Julie Fisher 332nd ECES

Everyone is probably already familiar with the standardized alarm signals, but here at Balad there are some differences you should know.

First, two different tones for Alarm Red are used. If there is a direct, small arms attack, a wavering tone will be sounded. (Voice notification through the public address system and over the land mobile radios will also be utilized during all alarm signals.)

If the attack is indirect, meaning mortars or rockets, a steady tone will be used.

Both Alarm Red tones require the same actions. All personnel should take cover and get down as low as possible.

If you are not wearing your body armor, do not run and get it. You are safer taking shelter than you are out in the open.

Continue staying under cover in Alarm Red even if you see others walking around. (Army personnel do not take cover in Alarm Red.)

If you are in a vehicle, secure the vehicle, get out while staying low to the ground and seek shelter. Also, keep radio traffic to a LSA ANACONDA & BALAD AB ATTACK WARNING SIGNALS

ALARM CONDITION	IF YOU HEAR	SIREN	THIS INDICATES	GENERAL ACTIONS
RED	CONTINUOUS RISING AND FALLING (WAVERING) SIREN TONE	DIRECT ATTACK (SMALL ARMS FIRE)	ATTACK IS IMMINENT OR IN PROGRESS APPLIES TO ENTIRE INSTALLATION	GET DOWN DON HELMET AND BODY ARMOR INCREASE FPCON AS DIRECTED REMAIN UNDER COVER ESSENTIAL MOVEMENT ONLY ECP ACCESS RESTRICTED
	STEADYTONE	INDIRECT ATTACK (MORTARS, ROCKETS)		
YELLOW OR AMBER	VOICE ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST OVER LMR NETS AND GIANT VOICE	VOICE ONLY	INCREASED STATE OF ALERT DUE TO SPECIFIC THREAT OR THREAT REMAINS HIGH FOLLOWING AN ATTACK UXO'S ARE SUSPECTED	FPC ON C+ OR AS DIRECTED ESSENTIAL MOVEMENT ONLY CONDUCT PAR AS DIRECTED REPORT ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS TO UCC MWYR FACILITES CLOSED UNTIL "ALL CLEAR" IS ISSUED
BLACK	REPEATED RISING SIREN TONE	NBC ATTACK	NBC CONTAMINATION SUSPECTED OR DETECTED	PPCON DELTA MOPP 4 OR AS DIRECTED REMAIN UNDER OVER HEAD COVER UNTIL DIRECTED ESSENTIAL MOVEMENT ONLY
NORMAL	ALTERNATING LOW AND HIGH SIREN TONE	ALL CLEAR	NO PENDING ATTACK COMPLY WITH UNIT SOP	- FOLLOW FP CON C+ PROCEDURES - CONTINUE TO REPORT ACCOUNTA BILITY STATUS TO UCC shic provided by 332nd CES/Readiness

minimum during Alarm Red.

Another difference here at Balad is Alarm Yellow, where it is known as Alarm Amber.

The meaning of the alarm signal and the required actions are the same regardless of whether the signal is called Alarm Yellow or Alarm Amber.

You should continue staying under cover unless the mission dictates that you go back to work. (You should know in advance whether your job is considered mission-essential during Alarm Amber.)

Since Alarm Amber occurs after an attack, UXOs may be present, so you should exercise extreme caution.

Accountability procedures should also be initiated during Alarm Amber.

Check with your supervisor to see what the proper procedure is for your duty section.

Alarm Black means that chemical or biological agents are suspected or confirmed and will be signaled by a repeated, increasing tone.

During Alarm Black you

should continue to take cover and don the appropriate gear if instructed.

Once an attack is over and all areas have been deemed safe, "All Clear" will be signaled by an alternating low and high tone.

At this point, you can return to work. Also, be sure to continue with accountability procedures.

Understanding the meaning of the alarm signals, knowing the sound of the signals, and knowing in advance the appropriate actions you should take during an alarm may save your life!

See one of these?





- Do not move closer to ordnance.
- ☐ Do not transmit handheld radios within 8 meters of unexploded ordnance or vehicle-mounted radios within 30meters.☐ Do not touch unexploded ordnance.
- $\hfill \Box$ Do not move equipment or anything else near unexploded ordnance.
- ☐ Mark it from where you are (using any material at hand that makes it visible from all sides day or night).
- Evacuate all personnel and equipment if possible. Then go back the same way you came into the area.
- $\hfill \Box$ Call command post at 458-1122/1140 or security forces at 458-1401.
- ☐ Provide all pertinent information: size, shape, color, condition, landmarks, grid coordinates.

AEF rotation brings siblings together at Balad

By Airman 1st Class J.S. Groves 332nd AEW/PA

As the rotation from Aerospace Expeditionary Force 7/8 return home and AEF 9/10 come in to continue the mission here, it is a well earned ticket home for some and a start of a whole new experience for others.

However, for Capt. Morshe Araujo, the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing chief of public affairs, and Staff Sgt. Kwazi Payne, 332nd Travel Management Flight NCO in charge of outbound travel, it is a joyful reunion.

After arriving in the area of responsibility Captain Araujo found out her brother was going to be coming for the next rotation.

On June 2, that day finally came when Sergeant Payne flew into the AOR from his home station at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. When she walked into the fitness center for her morning routine, she was surprised to see her brother had already arrived and was watching the Lakers basketball game on the gym television and rushed over to see him, said Captain Araujo.

"I was so glad to see him, I started crying," said the captain.

When he saw his older sister coming over to see him, Sergeant Payne said he was very happy to see her.

"I couldn't cry when I saw her, because someone has to be the strong one," joked Sergeant Payne.

When Staff Sgt. McMullin, 332nd TMO Flight NCO incharge of incoming cargo and coworker here and at home station, saw them together he said, "They look just like each other except one (Captain Araujo) has more hair on her head."

Captain Araujo and Sergeant Payne are only two of three siblings who are currently serving in Iraq.

Their brother, Army Sergeant Chris Payne, who is assigned to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, has been in country for over a year and has traveled throughout the AOR.

"Our brother Chris is the 'odd one out'," said Sergeant Payne, pointing out everyone else in the family had decided to join the Air Force, but Chris had decided to serve his country in the Army. "We still love him though, despite the rivalry between the branches of service," laughed Captain Araujo. "We don't get to hear from him too often, but we are glad he is doing okay."

"I am sad I can't see them (while everyone



Air Force/Airman 1st Class J.S. Groves

Capt. Morshe Araujo (left), 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing chief of public affairs, poses next to a sign where her brother, Staff Sgt. Kwazi Payne, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, NCO in charge of outbound travel, works.

is in the AOR), but I am happy to know they are here," said Army Sergeant Payne.

According to Sergeant Payne, who is affectionately referred to as the 'baby of the family,' the three of them are very close.

"We do everything together, including serving our country," said Sergeant Payne.

The trio attributes their keen interest in coming into the military to their father who just recently passed away.

"We just recently lost our dad six months ago," said Captain Araujo, whose father served in the Air Force and retired as a technical sergeant, "but the things he instilled in us have given us a love for the military and its mission."

Capt. Araujo is the only officer in the family and hopes to pin on the rank of major in the near future.

"She set the pace and I hope to follow in her footsteps. We hoped she would be the first 'Major Payne,' but that just didn't work out," said Sergeant Payne.

Sergeant Payne completed his 7-level course requirements prior to deploying.

He was the only one in his class to ace the course and is only 12 semester hours away from finishing his degree. He will soon test for technical sergeant, the same rank his father proudly wore when he retired in 1992.

"I am very proud of my brother Kwazi and his ability to accomplish whatever he decides to do," Capt. Araujo said.

"However, he is still my brother and sometimes he does a good job of getting on my nerves too!," she laughed.

Army Sergeant Payne will also become an

E-6 soon. He hopes to become an officer in the Air Force as well, sometime in the future, to put his experience and degree in electrical engineering to good use.

"I feel left out, because my father was Air Force, and my brother and sister are as well. I feel I should have made the same decision also," Army Sergeant Payne added.

"We would welcome him with open arms if he becomes an Air Force member," Captain Araujo said.

Although the three siblings have common ground with their military service, they have varying capacities in which they serve.

The Payne brothers work with cargo and electrical engineering, but the captain opted for a career with a theme toward her life passion.

"I have more of a literary mind. My brothers are more scientifically and mathematically inclined. I don't want to know 'a+b/a-2x = weight.' I just want to know the weight," she explained.

According to her mother Carolyn Payne, her children are all unique and their experiences have given her a new perspective.

"When I found out all of my children were going to be deployed I was hurt, but my son (Kwazi) explained it was not only their job, but their duty," Mrs. Payne said.

She also added, "I have a more positive view on our troops being deployed to Iraq. Dayan (Capt. Araujo) has done a very good job in conveying their mission in her writing.

She has been an exceptional writer since she was very young."

"I am proud of each of my children and pray for all our Armed Forces who are deployed."

With only a little time left in the AOR, Captain Araujo is preparing to leave her brothers as they continue the mission, and head home.

"I wish I had more than one week with my sister, but it is good to see her again," said Sergeant Payne, who also mentioned he usually gets to see the family together only around the holidays.

Sergeant Payne added during his rotation, he would like to keep the mission rolling and keep it up with some good old-fashioned hard work, teamwork and dedication.

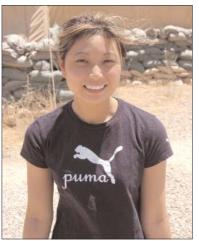
"Our dad served in the first Gulf War. Now we are serving in country again with this mission. It is something we all will take home with us when we leave," concluded Sergeant Payne.

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What would you like to improve during your rotation here?



SrA Joshua Adams 332nd ECS "I would like to improve my leadership skills in a combat environment."



Airman Michelle Ellis 332nd AEW/CP "I want to work on my physique."





Navy SK1 Brett Willard 332nd ELRS "I want to improve my distance running and get to the gym more often."



SSgt David Baxley 332nd ELRS/ATOC "I want to Improve my all-around knowlege of my job and how it applies here."



SrA Ricky Stoudemire 332nd ECS "Nothing, I'm content with myself."



Navy TM2 Scott Kvammen 332nd ELRS "I have to improve my health, so I can live better."

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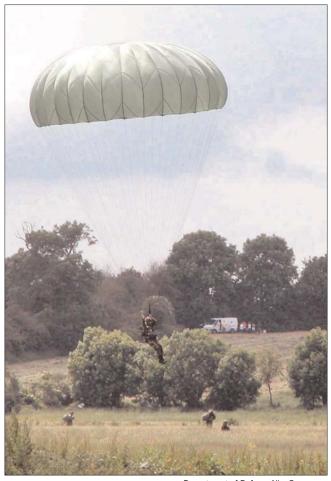








A tribute to Normandy



Department of Defense/Jim Garamone
--- Paratroopers land in

SAINTE-MERE-EGLISE, France -- Paratroopers land in a drop zone near here June 5 during a tribute to airborne Soldiers who died in the liberation of France in 1944.

Defense briefs

Most Iraqi Militias Set for Disbandment, Reintegration

WASHINGTON – Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi announced Monday an agreement that calls for most of Iraq's independent militias to reintegrate or disband. About 90,000 of the approximately 100,000-militia members affected by the agreement, Allawi explained, "will have joined state security forces or entered civilian life by the time of Iraq's first elections," which are slated for early 2005.

U.N. OKs New Iraq Resolution

WASHINGTON – As President Bush predicted, the United Nations passed a new resolution on Iraq early Tuesday. The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously late today on a new resolution that would effectively provide international legitimacy for the Iraqi interim government that's slated to take power June 30. About 160,000 U.S. and coalition troops are expected to remain in Iraq to effect stability operations.

Marines, Afghan Soldiers Foil Ambush, Kill Taliban Fighters

WASHINGTON – Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit continued their assault into the Taliban heartland, where they killed Taliban fighters poised to ambush them in central Afghanistan today. The battle occurred as the Marines and Afghan fighting forces approached a site identified as a likely ambush site. As Marines advanced, an intense firefight ensued. Some enemy fled, and others stayed and continued to fight.

Coalition Forces Rescue Italian, Polish Hostages

WASHINGTON – Coalition forces rescued four civilian hostages today south of Baghdad, military officials reported. Three Italians and one Pole were rescued, Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, Multinational Force Iraq commander, said during a Baghdad news briefing. They were Salvatore Stefio, Umberto Cupertino and Maurizio Agliana of Italy, and Jerzy Kos of Poland.

Servicemembers honor former commander-in-chief

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— Servicemembers nationwide are working to honor a former commander in chief this week.

The death of former President Ronald Reagan on June 5 set into motion a plan that will end up involving countless servicemembers from all the armed forces.

As a past commander in chief, President Reagan is

being afforded many military honors, officials from the U.S. Army's Military District of Washington said. The military district is responsible for coordinating arrangements for the many events leading up to President Reagan's official state funeral here today.

A military honor guard provided security for President Reagan's remains during periods of lying in state, until June 8 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in

Simi Valley, Calif., and at the U.S. Capitol for 24 hours June 9.

At every point in the journey, a joint-service honor guard performs an arrival or departure ceremony to honor the fallen president.

Also as part of honors owed to a previous president upon his death, all U.S. flags flown on government installations will be flown at half-staff for 30 days from the date of death.



Navy/Petty Officer 1st Class Jon D. Gesch SIMI VALIEY, Calif. -- An Airman from the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., stands watch as people pay their respects to former President Ronald Reagan at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library June 8.

T-Town Chapel Schedule

Sundays:

Protestant Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Protestant Contemporary Service, 10:30 a.m.
Protestant Traditional Service, 5:30 p.m.
Catholic Mass, noon
LDS Sacrament meeting, 7 p.m.

Mondays:

Protestant Purpose Driven Life, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays:

Catholic Mass, 7 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Protestant Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m. Protestant Bible Study, 8 p.m.

Thursdays:

LDS Family Home Evening, 7:30 p.m.

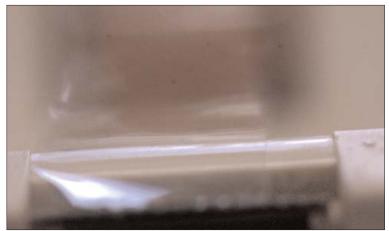
Fridays

Catholic Mass, 5:30 p.m. Protestant Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m. Protestant Women's Bible Study, 8 p.m.

Daily:

All Denomination Evening Prayer for Peace, 9 p.m.

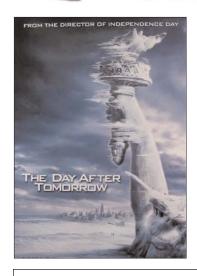
Know what this is?



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

Each week, the Red Tail Flyer staff will take a photo from around Balad. If you can identify the object or item, shoot us an e-mail at redtailflyer@blab.aorcentaf.af.mil with iidentify thisi in the subject block. The person who sends in the correct answer first wins a prize and will get their name printed in this publication. Congratulations to Spc. John Whinery, 332nd EOSS/ATC, who correctly identified last edition's kevlar helmet buckle.

Sustainer Movie Schedule



Today 3 p.m. - The Girl Next Door

6 p.m. - Day After Tomorrow

9 p.m. - Day After Tomorrow

Saturday 3 p.m. - Day After Tomorrow

6 p.m. - Walking Tall

9 p.m. - Hellboy

Sunday 3 p.m. - The Girl Next Door 6 p.m. - Day After

9 p.m. - Secret Window

Monday 3 p.m. - Hellboy

6 p.m. - The Girl Next Door

9 p.m. - Walking Tall

Tuesday 3 p.m. - Day After Tomorrow

6 p.m. - Hellboy

9 p.m. - The Girl Next Door

Wednesday 3 p.m. - The Girl Next Door

6 p.m. - Day After Tomorrow

9 p.m. - Hellboy

Thursday 3 p.m. - Jersey Girl

6 p.m. - Hellboy

9 p.m. - Day After Tomorrow



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